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# Kids drug arrests on the increase across county

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A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD found with cocaine was one of 56 youngsters nicked in Bedfordshire for drug offences over a 12-month period.

The figures show the number of under 16 year-olds arrested in relation to drug crimes have more than doubled between 2010-11. Statistics published by Bedfordshire Police, following a Freedom of Information request, come as a top cop claims that cheap heroin is now more 'freely available' on the streets.

In total there were 56 drug offence arrests made in 2010/11 for under 16s compared to 26 in 2009/10 and 48 in 2008/09.

The highest figure recorded was for 15 year-olds possessing cannabis/cannabis resin (25) followed by 14 year-olds committing the same offence (eight). None of the offences involved heroin.

The alarming data also shows that an offender aged just 12 was picked up for the possession of cocaine last year and another of the same age for intent to supply class B drugs.

Chief Inspector Rob McCaffray at Bedfordshire Police, while responding to concerns about drug crime, had said at a meeting with Bedford Borough Council on December 1 that while overall crime rates were falling, drug offences were on the increase. He told the council's environment and sustainable communities committee that 'cheap heroin was now more freely available' and many burgled items were sold in return for supplies of the drug.

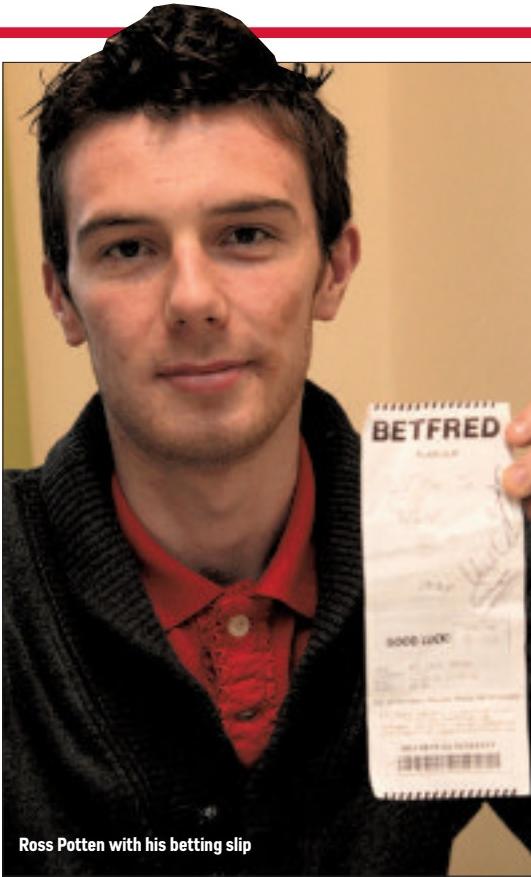
In November, *Luton on Sunday* revealed that the number of drug seizures by the county's police force shot-up by 67 per cent from 1,101 in 2009/10 to 1,837 in 2010/11.

It meant Bedfordshire saw the highest amount of illegal substances confiscated by any force outside of two of the UK's biggest cities which are London and Manchester.

A spokeswoman for Bedfordshire Police said: "It is still unusual within Bedfordshire for young people under the age of 16 to be arrested for the possession of illegal drugs. From the thousands of under 16s who live within the county the report shows 130 arrests took place within the three-year period.

"Bedfordshire Police is not complacent and takes the possession and use of illegal drugs by anyone extremely seriously.

"Bedfordshire is no different to any other county within England in terms of the availability of illegal substances. It is known that most acquisitive crimes such as burglary, robbery and motor vehicle crimes are undertaken by people who break the law to fund drug or alcohol dependency."



Ross Potten with his betting slip

## Red card for Town bet

A SCROOGE bookmaker refused to pay out on the winner of a football match bet, claiming the wager had been accepted 'in error'.

Ross Potten, of Smithcombe Close, Barton-le-clay, placed a festive £5 on Luton Town to beat Kettering 5-0, at Betfred in George Street, Luton, on December 26.

After predicting the correct result, Mr Potten returned to the shop to collect his winnings, only to be told that his bet was void and he wouldn't be receiving any cash.

He said: "I was expecting a Christmas payout of around £50 as most other bookies were offering odds of 10-1 for the same bet."

"However, I was told by the manager of the Betfred shop that the wager should not have been taken due to the problems Kettering Town are having with team selection and that apart from returning my stake, I wouldn't be receiving any money."

"He wrote 'void' across the betting slip and that was the end of it. I don't understand how this could

happen, surely the bet should not have been allowed to go through the system right from the start.

"Even if the money was taken in error, the bet should be honoured and the cash paid out."

Mr Potten's fiancee, Claire Harrington, had also placed money on the game, and was told that she would also receive her stake back as compensation for the mistake.

He said: "There must be others who put money on the game, who don't know that they can claim their stake back as all their bets were declared void."

"There is no way such a big company should be able to take money from a number of bets without realising that they aren't valid."

After making a complaint, he was initially offered a £20 free bet gift voucher as compensation for the error.

However, Mr Potten decided not to accept it as he didn't want to use the company again.

He said: "I have gambled

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# Community's stars to get top honours

BY LUI STRACCIA

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A HISTORIAN and a former police officer are among those to have had their achievements recognised in the New Year Honours List.

Vivienne Evans, of West Street, Dunstable, was given an MBE for services to the community in the town, while ex-Bedfordshire Police Superintendent Andrew Martin (*pictured*), who served with the force for 30 years before retiring in June last year, has also been awarded an MBE.

Others given MBEs include Angela McBain, past president of the British Association of Dental Nurses and tutor at Barnfield College, and Denise Poore, who is manager of the Marsh Farm Sure Start Children's Centre.

Mrs Evans, who has lectured on the town's history for decades and written books, said: "I got this letter in the post with a House of Lords stamp on it and immediately thought one of my friends had reused the envelope and sent it to me."

"When I realised I had been awarded an MBE, I was so grateful to those who thought it was a desirable thing to happen. I was so touched."

"Since I began lecturing 35 years ago, I took a serious interest in promoting the history of Dunstable, which is a very important Medieval town."

"I've enjoyed every minute of what I've done."

"I'm a show-off and love giving



talks, whether it's ten people or 100 people. I love lecturing, writing and researching."

One of the last jobs Mr Martin worked on was the English Defence League's protest and the counter-protests in Luton earlier this year.

In Bedfordshire Police's largest ever operation, he ensured that the plans were thorough, tested and resourced for the day.

Mr Martin, who still works for the force as training manager, said: "I am extremely proud and privileged to have been awarded

this honour but I really must share it with my colleagues within Bedfordshire Police and from partnering agencies as I could not have achieved it without them."

"This honour is a reflection of the excellent service that is provided to the public by Bedfordshire Police and not just my own achievements."

"As an officer and now a member of staff, I have received so much support from colleagues whether they be at the most junior or most senior level and that has truly made a difference."

## Bookies' £40 boost to unhappy customer

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with Betfred online for a long time but this incident has made me change my mind about where I spend my money."

A spokesman for Betfred said: "In line with all other major High Street bookmakers, we were not

accepting bets on the Luton Town versus Kettering Town match played on Boxing Day."

"This was because of concerns regarding Kettering's ability to field a competitive side, which was consequently highlighted by their failure to announce the full

quota of substitutes. The customer's bet was accepted in error and for this we apologise."

"Having had the opportunity to look into the matter the company have decided to make a discretionary payment to the customer of £40."

## Crash officers are doing 'well'

THE three police officers seriously injured in a road traffic collision while driving home are 'progressing well'.

The men had completed a late shift policing Luton and were sharing a lift home on Tuesday when the car they were in was struck head-on while heading northbound on the A6 between Luton and Streatley at around 4.40am.

Two other cars, which were heading southbound at the time, were involved in the collision and police have since arrested one of the drivers on suspicion of dangerous driving.

The other was injured and taken to Luton and Dunstable Hospital where his condition was described as 'stable'.

One of the officers is being treated at the L&D for arm injuries. His condition was described as 'stable'.

His colleagues were both transferred to The Royal in Whitechapel, London, where one was treated for back, shoulder and rib injuries, and the other for arm and internal injuries. Both of their conditions were described as 'serious but stable'.

Chief Constable Alf Hitchcock paid a visit to all three officers on Wednesday and he says that all three men are in high spirits. All being well, two could be home soon, and the third is likely to be another week following surgery.

Sergeant Colin Bonner is appealing for witnesses, in particular anyone who saw two Astra cars being driven erratically in and around Bedford and on the A6 before the incident occurred. Call police on 101.

## Cops name man hit on railway line

A MAN who died after being struck by a train has been named.

Kyle William McKenzie, 23, of Beechwood Road, Luton, was pronounced dead at Harlington train station on Wednesday evening.

British Transport Police were called to the scene at around 5.20pm, along with Bedfordshire Police and paramedics.

There were up to 60 minute delays on services between Bedford and London St Pancras following the tragedy.

A British Transport Police spokeswoman said: "The incident is currently being treated as non-suspicious and a file will be prepared for the coroner."

The tracks were handed back to Network Rail and reopened at around 7.20pm on Wednesday evening.

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# Reprise for dog who attacked little girl, 4

BY LAUREN ARCHELL  
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A DOG who caused horrific facial injuries to a four-year-old girl has not been put down as it was decided the animal was not dangerous.

Jorja Caze-Ramscar was left with serious cuts to her eye after the family pet, an Alaskan Malamute called Luna, attacked her on December 16.

Her mother, Karine Caze, now wants to warn others about how unpredictable the animals can be.

Ms Caze, 36, of Britain Street, Dunstable, said: "I fear that this could happen to another child."

"Jorja needed 20 stitches to her wounds and a doctor has said she may need to have reconstructive surgery on her eye in the future."

"She has been marked and always will be marked as a result of this and there is nothing stopping it happening again."

The dog belonged to Jorja's father Clive Ramscar and the incident took place at his home in Icknield Road, Luton, where she spends half of her time since her parents split two years ago.

Mr Ramscar, 42, said his daughter had been playing with the 16 month-old dog when she jumped on its back and it grabbed her face.

He said: "I made all the relevant checks



into the temperament of the dog prior to buying it as a Christmas present for my children.

"I pleaded with the policeman at the hospital to have the animal destroyed but he said it would be inhumane as it was a puppy and an accident."

A spokesman for Bedfordshire Police said: "There are four breeds that are automatically branded dangerous dogs but the Alaskan Malamute is not one of them."

"However, we were informed by the owner that they would be getting the dog put down." The dog has now been rehomed.



PUP ATTACK: Jorja pictured before the accident with Alaskan Malamute Luna and left, her injuries

## Christmas shopper seriously injured after being hit by car

A CAR failed to stop after colliding with a pedestrian carrying his Christmas shopping.

The victim, a man in his early 20s, who was walking home to Barton at the time, was in New Bedford Road, near to the junction with Fountains Road, Luton, when the incident happened at around 11.30pm on December 23.

The driver of the unknown vehicle did not stop, leaving the pedestrian seriously injured.

He was found shortly afterwards by members of the public who raised the alarm.

The victim, who suffered injuries to his back, was first

taken to Luton & Dunstable Hospital but was later transferred to a hospital in London.

Bedfordshire Police are appealing for witnesses and information.

Pc Craig Baker, investigating, is keen to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has information that might lead to the identity of the driver.

If you can help, call Pc Baker in confidence on 01234 842486, the non-emergency number 101, or text information to 07786 200011. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

## Cops hunting group who assaulted man at home

A GROUP of men in balaclavas who broke into a house and assaulted the resident with a golf club are being sought by police.

Detectives are appealing for witnesses to the incident, which took place on Friday, December 23 at around 11.15pm.

The 27-year-old victim was woken by a number of men who began to hit him with a golf club and demanded money.

The offenders, who were all believed to be wearing grey balaclavas and described as white or of Asian appearance, left the property empty-handed.

The victim was taken to Luton & Dunstable Hospital

for treatment to severe bruising before being released.

DC Colin Knight, investigating, is keen to speak to anyone who may have seen a group of men in the Hitchin Road area that night.

DC Knight said: "This was a frightening experience for the victim who shares the house with two friends.

"Hitchin Road is a busy area of the town even at night and members of the public who may have been out that night could have seen a group of men matching the description."

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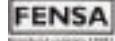
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# Raider caught by priests sent to jail

BY LUI STRACCIA

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A BURGLAR who was overpowered by three Catholic priests in their pyjamas has been jailed for two years.

Bradley Nelson, 28, had been rugby-tackled by one of the three, who are in their 60s, and they all sat on him until the police arrived to be confronted by what looked like a scene from the television series Father Ted.

The fathers had befriended and helped Nelson, who had drink and drug problems, when he had called on them in the past, Luton Crown Court was told.

Prosecutor Daniel Siong said he repaid their kindness by breaking into their home in the grounds of St Mary's Church in West Street, Dunstable, at 1.55am on October 9 last year.

Two of the priests, Father Jimmy Shiel, 67, and Father Kieran Magovern, 66, had both undergone triple heart bypass operations in the past.

But along with Indian-born Father Chacko Panathara, 61, they didn't think twice about tackling Nelson.

At the time Father Magovern said: "He entered Jimmy's bed-



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Bradley Nelson

room and Jimmy woke to see this guy in his room.

"The burglar ran and Jimmy jumped out of bed and ran after

him. Jimmy has played a lot of rugby when he was younger and it was in the corridor that he floored him. It was a rugby tackle and the chap was taken to the floor."

As the burglar struggled to break free, Father Shiel got him in a vice like grip and held on as best he could to stop him escaping.

By now Father Panathara had arrived on the scene to help the other priest. Seconds later Father Magovern joined in to prevent him making off.

"Jimmy was on top of him and holding him and I got on the floor and had my knee in the chap's back," said Father Magovern.

Police raced to the scene and promptly arrested Nelson, of Viceroy Court, High Street South, Dunstable, who pleaded guilty to burglary with intent. He had 21 convictions for 47 offences.

Defence barrister Andrew Corcut said Nelson "had attended the Parish House in the past and received help and feels a considerable degree of shame for what he did."

On Friday, December 23 Judge Richard Foster jailed him saying: "Burglary is a serious matter.

"You breached the trust that had been given you by these priests."

## Plan in for new traveller site

AN APPLICATION to create a gypsy site near a village has been submitted.

The submission to Central Bedfordshire Council requests permission for four plots, with a caravan and mobile home on each, to be granted for a site at Jockey Farm in Watling Street, Caddington.

It has been handed in by Mr R Price and

states that the work for the site is already partly started and that work began in 2009.

The scheme would also include a wooden fence to be put up around the property.

The application is currently in the consultation stage.

Comments are being welcomed before the authority makes a decision.

## 20 months in prison for bike robbing teen

A TEENAGER was jailed for more than one and a half years after he robbed a 15-year-old of his bike.

Kyle Fowler, 19, of Westfield Road, Dunstable, was part of a gang who surrounded the boy and threatened to attack him if he did not hand over his cycle.

When the incident occurred at Willen, Milton Keynes, in July last year police found the gang in possession of the bike and four

teenagers were arrested.

Fowler was later identified by the victim in an identity parade and pleaded guilty to the offence.

He was sentenced to 20 months in prison at Aylesbury Crown Court.

Detective Constable Dave Phipps, of Milton Keynes CID, said: "I hope this serves as a reminder to anyone else who thinks behaviour like this is acceptable to think again."

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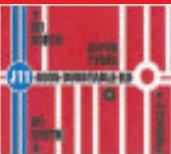
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## Increase in town employees injured at work

MORE than 1,100 people were seriously injured while at work in Bedfordshire last year.

Provisional latest figures from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) report show that 80 employees in Luton sustained major injuries, compared to 65 in the previous year.

Of the 1,123 workers to be injured, 328 also suffered an injury or ill health which

required them to take at least three days off.

Simon Longbottom, HSE's operations manager in the East of England, said: "Hundreds of workers in Bedfordshire have had their lives changed forever by a major injury at work."

"These statistics highlight why we need good health and safety in British workplaces.

"Employers should spend their

time tackling the real dangers that workers face rather than worrying about trivial risks or pointless paperwork.

"It's important to remember that we still have one of the lowest rates of workplace deaths in Europe but one death is still one too many."

"I'd urge businesses to help cut the number of deaths this year."

# Ex-Prem ref takes up role of FA chief

BY LAUREN ARCELL

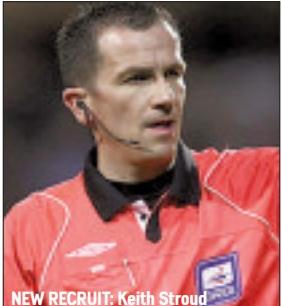
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**FORMER** Premiership referee Keith Stroud will be taking up the position of boss of Bedfordshire County FA.

New chief executive Mr Stroud will officially join the association on Tuesday, having previously worked for Hampshire FA as a Referee Development Officer and Marketing and Office Manager.

He will be taking over from Peter Brown, who came under fire earlier this year for forwarding a 'racist' joke email.

Mr Brown, 65, who has worked for Beds FA for more than 40 years, handed in his notice



following the scandal surrounding the incident, which he admitted was an 'error of judgement'.

Mr Stroud, who officiated at one top level game, has also been involved in controversy.

After being dropped from the Select Group of referees in 2009, he successfully appealed the decision and was reinstated, after procedures were found to be flawed.

In a statement on the Beds FA website, chairman Richard Robinson said: "Peter Brown will be standing down as chief executive at the end of the year but will be remaining with the Association in the interim to ensure a smooth handover.

"In the meantime we look forward to welcoming Keith to the staff."

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## EU in the spotlight

SIR - Many of us who believe the increasing centralisation of the EU is both politically undemocratic and economically flawed find the constant sniping of EU supporters that anyone critical of the EU is an extremist or xenophobic quite intellectually offensive.

Nick Clegg is reported as stating 'I think we are at our best when we are open. The danger at the moment is because society is under economic stress, xenophobia, chauvinism and polarisation increase. You can see it in British politics.'

'This is the perfect environment if you are Nigel Farage or Alex Salmond.'

'The people who are trying to exploit the politics of grievance and blame, they believe they have got the wind in their sails.'

'The liberal open society is always under pressure when there is fear and anxiety in society. That does not mean you move off the centre ground.'

'As a Deputy Prime Minister, I will hold on to that centre ground of openness and reason.'

We would rebut that the utter droning of Mr Clegg, it is his Liberal Democrats' autocratic and arrogant betrayal of their election pledge to give the British people a referendum on the EU constitution, dressed up as a treaty, which is bringing politics into disrepute.

## How Clegg could help

**SIR** - I refer to the recent outburst by Nick Clegg (*pictured*) that pensioners should lose their bus passes.

Perhaps this outburst would gain credence if he did two things - pay his travelling expenses from his own wage, and double his tax contributions, as pensioners' taxation has been doubled.

Perhaps if he did these things our opinion of him would take a turn for the better.

**Michael Harry Pearce**  
Bradley Road, Luton

They have no mandate to spend British taxpayers' billions on bailing out the Euro.

It is the impotence of the Lib Dems to come clean and state why they believe we should be part of the Euro Zone that we must expose.

The Euro Zone will never work unless there is a centralised EU superstate controlling all national tax and spending; the democratic national parliaments would become little more than glorified county councils.



Mr Clegg, stop making cheap jibes at your opponents and put your policies to the people in the ballot box, if you dare.

**Cllr Steve Radford**  
President of The Liberal Party

## Help charity in 2012

**SIR** - Are you looking for a New Year's resolution that is fun, interesting, sociable, and can make a huge difference to other people?

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**Begona Mendez**  
Volunteer Officer  
Leonard Cheshire Disability

## Remember loved ones

**SIR** - This festive season World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) is

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**Teresa Nightingale**  
General Manager, WCRF

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# Teen touched by train passenger

BY LUI STRACCIA

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POLICE are hunting a man who indecently touched a teenage girl on a train.

The assault happened as the 19-year-old victim was travelling between Flitwick and Leagrave at around 7am on December 17.

Shortly into the journey she was approached by a man who began to talk to her before taking a seat next to her, at which point he touched her indecently several times.

It wasn't until the train arrived at Leagrave and other passengers boarded, that he stopped and quickly left.

Investigating officer DC Vicki Bladen said: "Thankfully the victim was not physically harmed,



WANTED: An image of the man police are looking for

although she was obviously very shaken and intimidated by this man's behaviour.

"I am urging anyone who

witnessed the incident, or who recognises the man in the image, to come forward – your information could be key to the investigation."

The man is described as black with a skinny build, about 6ft and aged between 20 and 23.

He had dark eyes, very white teeth, a goatee beard and braided hair to his neck and was wearing a purple cap with a big peak, dark jeans, a hoodie with a black and white scarf wrapped around it and a dark jacket.

Anyone with information can contact British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40 quoting reference B11/LNA of 23/12/2011.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Luton, Dunstable and Stevenage areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor

in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work

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## What will be, will be

I HATE forecasting. It is usually the province of accountants, politicians and the religious and they are all invariably wrong. Budgets are always missed, better times never arrive and the second coming, or end of the world, always fails to materialise. So I am not going to predict anything for 2012 and suggest you all do the same.

We all seem to live for what is going to happen, rather than what is happening. I am not saying don't plan for anything, I am saying live for the present.

Ultimately that's all we have, what is happening now.

The Euro may survive, may collapse and no-one can honestly tell which and which would be better. This Government may pull us out of the economic crisis or drive us deeper into it.

Some famous people will die, some will just put their foot in their mouths and some sit and whinge in a jungle.

The weather will be what the weather will be, which is impossible to predict on a daily basis.

In my list of people who forecast and invariably forecast wrong, could be added the weathermen, although I have a bit more sympathy for them.

We ask them to do it for us and they generally do it with less certainty and more humility.

And just remember it has been a lot worse and within living memory. My Grandad fought in the First World War and lived through the depression of the 1930s. He used to joke with me that he had seen more days than

dinners. My dad fought in the Second World War, in the Far East, which was no picnic. He used to say that after walking through jungle for days, at 18 years old, with bad food, dysentery and the risk of being picked off by a Japanese sniper, not much could faze him.

In my lifetime there have been right-wing dictatorships in Europe and left-wing dictatorships in Europe. One of the reasons I gave up predicting is that I remember saying to the local Anti-Apartheid Group that it could be decades before Nelson Mandela and South Africa were free. I told them that in 1989.

Wars are still happening and men and women still dying for causes I do not fully understand. For example one of the reasons we were told we are in

Afghanistan was to track down Osama Bin Laden. That's the Osama Bin Laden who was living in Pakistan and is now dead.

One of the less free aspects of modern life is its sentimentality, coupled with right-wing political correctness, where challenging wars is tantamount to attacking the armed forces and therefore beyond civic decency.

I am digressing. In 12 months' time, the world may look completely different, or exactly the same. I am not saying we should not work to improve it and ourselves. I am saying that

we should also cherish what we have and recognise what we are, good and bad. So while living for the present I shall also try to be kinder to Royalists, believers in God, accountants (especially at my bank) and politicians.

And remember the words of Rudyard Kipling, who would not normally be on my Christmas card list: 'If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster And treat those two impostors just the same,' you might just get through it.

**O**NE girl who has been heavily criticised recently is Mekeeda Austin, for her joke letter to Santa. She has been described as selfish and of spoiling the fun of Christmas.

I think lots of people are suffering a humour bypass and failing to see that teenage humour is sometimes a bit drastic. Teenage cruel jokes shock. One writer also said her suggestion of cooking the reindeer and dishing them up as dinner for the homeless is not in the spirit of Christmas. In fact such a suggestion, were turkeys swapped for reindeer, could exactly be in the spirit of Christmas. It's just that reindeer, like dolphins, and unlike turkeys and tuna, come in the category of cuddly animals.

So a Happy New Year to all teenagers - and everyone else.

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## JANUARY

LUTON & Dunstable Hospital announced plans to axe 100 jobs over the next few years.

WE revealed that Luton Borough Council's payments to consultants had topped £13m since 2007. The news came as the council was in the process of making 100 job cuts.

A GANG of four were jailed for their parts in stealing cars from driveways while their owners were asleep across Luton, Dunstable and Caddington.

LUTON'S cultural diversity was celebrated in a new report, which painted a vision of how to bring people closer together in the town. (See photo below).

Chief Executive Trevor Holden at the launch of the Report of the Luton Commission on community cohesion



## FEBRUARY

LUTON breathed a huge sigh of relief after the English Defence League's (EDL) 1,500-strong march through the town centre passed without any major incident, and a small number of arrests. Around 1,500 police officers were on duty that day to keep the peace. (See photo above).

WE revealed that Luton Town's owners were more than a year behind schedule and had defaulted twice in paying for the club.

A JUDICIAL review brought by Luton Borough Council over the scrapping of the £300 million Building Schools for the Future rebuild project was upheld by the High Court.

AN appeal by five Muslim men, who abused parading troops to get their public order offences overturned was rejected. Jalal Ahmed, Munim Abdul, Yousaf Bashir, Shajjadar Choudhury and Ziaur Rahman had been found guilty of using threatening, abusive or insulting words likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress at the Royal

Anglian Regiment march through Luton town centre in March 2009.

## MARCH

A LUTON & Dunstable Hospital worker was arrested over allegations of 'serious sexual offences against patients' recovering from strokes, we revealed. Later in the year, health-care assistant Ameet Mohabbeer was charged with 13 counts of sexual assaulting male patients at the hospital, and four counts of causing or inciting a person with a mental disorder or learning disability to engage in sexual activity. He pleaded not guilty to all of the charges at St Albans Crown Court except one of sexual assault, to which he entered no plea. He died in September 2011.

A DISABLED man who waited almost a decade to have a down-stairs toilet fitted in his home was forced to move into his late mother's home - and claimed he was



then told he could be making himself homeless. Steve Chiocca (pictured below centre), who lived in his council house in Cavendish Road, Luton, was told by South Anglia Housing Association (which owned Mr Chiocca's mother's home) he could only stay there until he had got his mother's possessions in order.

A MAN was found guilty of making more than 100 nuisance calls to police because he believed they had given him a bad reference on his British citizenship application. Mohammed Bashir, of Selbourne Road, Luton, was sentenced to 12 weeks in custody suspended for six months after being found guilty of four charges under the Telecommunications Act 2003.

WE revealed that Luton Town FC had not paid any rent on its Kenilworth Road stadium since selling it to Luton Borough Council for £3.25m in 1989. *Luton on Sunday* blocked the council's efforts to prevent the revelations from coming into the public domain after its decision to refuse our Freedom of Information Act request was overturned by the Information Commissioner watchdog.

## APRIL

BULLETS, grenade parts, shell casings and a live mortar were found at an apparent unknown and potentially hazardous Second World War weapons testing area. Bomb disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion after teenagers Sean Ives, Ben Seaton and Kieran Willis stumbled across the device at farmland in Sundon Hills, Luton (pictured above).



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LUTON & Dunstable Hospital announced it would perform a U-turn on its smoking policy and fork out £10,000 on special 'sheltered' s' for puffers - four years after banning it on its grounds.

TWENTY-TWO Luton fraudsters were convicted in one of the largest car insurance scam rings ever seen. In total 40 people were involved in the £5.3m 'cash for crash' swindle, which was brought down following a five-year police investigation.

PRIME Minister David Cameron hailed Luton-based Vauxhall as one of Britain's big success stories on a visit to the Kimpton Road plant, whose future had been in doubt the previous couple of years.

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## MAY

POLITICIANS from the Conservative and Labour parties united in opposition to proposals to change the voting system from First Past the Post to Alternative Vote. Luton MPs Gavin Shuker and Kelvin Hopkins stood shoulder to shoulder with South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous and the then Central Bedfordshire Council deputy leader Richard Stay in an unlikely 'cross-party coalition'. (Pictured above).

A HAVE-A-GO hero put his life at risk and bravely tackled a gun-wielding robber who was pointing the weapon at his mother in her own home. Shahnu Miah (pictured right) sprang into action after hearing loud bangs coming from his mother's house next door in Denbigh Road, Luton.

SERIOUSLY ill Councillor Sheila Roden, who won her fight to stay alive, stunned colleagues by getting



herself re-elected in the Luton Borough Council elections while still in her hospital bed.

LUTON Town suffered misery as they were consigned to another season of non-league football after losing a play-off final to AFC Wimbledon on penalties.

## JUNE

A MOTHER of four was found guilty of telling police her husband's second wife was carrying a bomb into Heathrow Airport. Salma Nasir, of Chaul End Village, Caddington, also said the woman had been involved in the 7/7 bombings after claiming she had received a string of anonymous phone calls.

WE revealed that a cabby was legally driving passengers around despite having 21 previous convictions. A Freedom of Information Act also revealed that 44 taxi/private hire/Hackney Carriage drivers in Luton held licences despite having committed a staggering 151 crimes between them.

## JULY

PUBLIC authorities were found to have missed chances to protect highly vulnerable Michael Gilbert (pictured left) - whose headless body was found dismembered in the Blue Lagoon. Three police investigations were flawed due to misinformation failures in communication and human error, preventing the murdered Luton man from getting the vital help he needed.

PLUSH Luton Hoo was the venue for an event to ramp up promotion of Luton's city status bid. Dignitaries, business leaders and guests gathered to celebrate the bid, which could net the town a potential £5 billion investment windfall. The winner of the city status competition will be announced in February.

THREE children and a woman suffered serious burns after a barbecue exploded into a ball of fire. The six to 11 year olds sustained 15 to 20 per cent burns to their arms in a field in Ashcroft Way, Luton.

## AUGUST

THREE men pleaded guilty to an elaborate bomb plot which extracted £160,000 from a bank and brought a town centre to a standstill. Muhammad Qasim Salam, Imran Khalifa and Faizan Rehman, all from Luton, all admitted their parts in a robbery which led to a three-and-a-half hour siege in Watford in June.

AN inner ring road for traffic-stricken Luton moved a step closer when Luton Borough Council

formally asked the Government for funding towards it. The much-needed Luton Town Centre Transport Scheme has an estimated £24m cost and involves a new road to reduce car congestion, possibly to be completed in 2014.

CHEMICAL containers had to be removed from a burning garage by firefighters to prevent a potential Luton town centre explosion. Cylinders were feared to be 'dangerous' when the Unimotor building in Taylor Street, Luton, went up in flames after sparks ignited materials on the site. (Pictured below)



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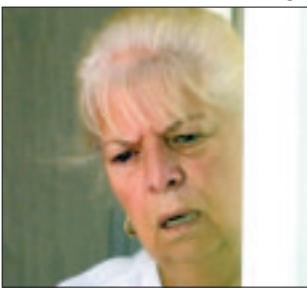
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**SEPTEMBER**

LABOUR Party leader Ed Miliband and Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls (*pictured above*) made a visit to Luton's Vauxhall factory. The two 'Eds' had a tour of the Kimpton Road plant and urged PM David Cameron to act to ensure a 'global plan for growth' is secure to help the British brand.

A 75-YEAR-OLD grandmother who stole more than £10,000 from taxpayers became one of the oldest people in the UK to be ordered to wear an electronic tag. Fraudster Iris Marsh (*pictured below*) had the ankle device fitted after admitting



to claiming housing benefits despite having £57,000 stashed away in secret bank accounts.

MP Nadine Dorries claimed the PM David Cameron had apologised 'profusely' to her by text after the way he handled her question in the House of Commons. Mr Cameron was interrupted when he said he understood the Mid Beds MP was 'extremely frustrated', which drew a chorus of schoolboy laughter in the Chamber at his unintentional innuendo.

**OCTOBER**

TWO temporary NHS bosses were paid half a million pounds between them last year - at the going rate of £1,000 a day, it was revealed.

Keith Edwards earned £260-265,000 for his work at Luton PCT as interim director of commissioning, while interim chief operations officer Chris White was paid £230-235,000.

UP to 15,000 potential new jobs could be lost if Luton Borough Council fails to win a crucial fight to lift Luton Airport passenger numbers to 30 million a year, it was revealed. The council accused the Department for Transport of 'potentially stalling economic growth' in the town following the publication of a report which said numbers should be limited to 15 million until 2050.

THREE priests in their sixties wearing pyjamas caught a burglar red-handed and sat on him to prevent him from escaping until police arrived. Father Jimmy Shiel - who used to play rugby - launched into a flying tackle to force the intruder to



the floor after he had broken into the presbytery at St Mary's Church in West Street, Dunstable.

THE UK's longest serving lollipop lady announced her retirement after more than 40 years at the same pelican crossing. Margaret Wiggett, 77, had seen Stopsley Primary children safely across Hitchin Road since 1955.

**NOVEMBER**

AN INTERNAL investigation was to be launched into the case of L&D stroke unit patients who were allegedly sexually assaulted by a nursing staff member.

The hospital announced it would undertake a Patient Protection Review of events surrounding healthcare assistant Ameet Mohabbeer, who denied assaulting 14 male patients under his care before his death in September.

NEARLY £700,000 was paid out by Luton Borough Council in bonuses to keep staff in their jobs since April - while at the same time paying out fortunes to make hundreds of others redundant.

A PROTESTER was arrested at Luton Airport on suspicion of outraging public decency after stripping naked and delivering a six minute rant. The unnamed man, believed to be Eastern European, stunned waiting passengers by pouring milk over his head and launching a tirade at the check-in desk area.

MORE than 40,000 cannabis plants were seized across Bedfordshire last year - the highest amount in the country outside a city - despite the county's police force being the UK's smallest.

BODIES of dead patients were being pushed through the L&D's reception

area on trolleys because there was no other route to the mortuary, it was revealed.

**DECEMBER**

THE family of a war hero who died in army uniform were told they wouldn't be awarded the Elizabeth Cross as he wasn't on a 'medal-earning operation'. Relatives of Private Scott Mugridge, 20, of Cades Lane, Luton, who died from injuries suffered when thrown from an overturning tank during a live fire training simulation, were incensed at the snub.

COURAGEOUS Courtney Walsh was honoured for her bravery at a ceremony celebrating Luton's Best 2011, sponsored by *Luton on Sunday* and sister paper *Luton & Dunstable Express*. The year nine student at Stopsley High School won the Child of Courage category - one of 16 unsung heroes whose efforts were recognised at the event, held at Luton Hoo. (*See centre picture*).

FORMER Luton South MP Margaret Moran was too mentally ill to plead to allegations she fiddled her expenses by £80,000, a court heard. The 56-year-old is alleged to have made several dubious claims including £22,500 to treat dry rot at a home in Southampton, more than 100 miles from her constituency. April 18, 2012 has been set aside as a date for a possible trial.

AROUND 40 employees face redundancy this year as Bedfordshire Police struggled to save £19m, it was announced. A total of 80 staff were sent letters telling them their jobs were at risk.

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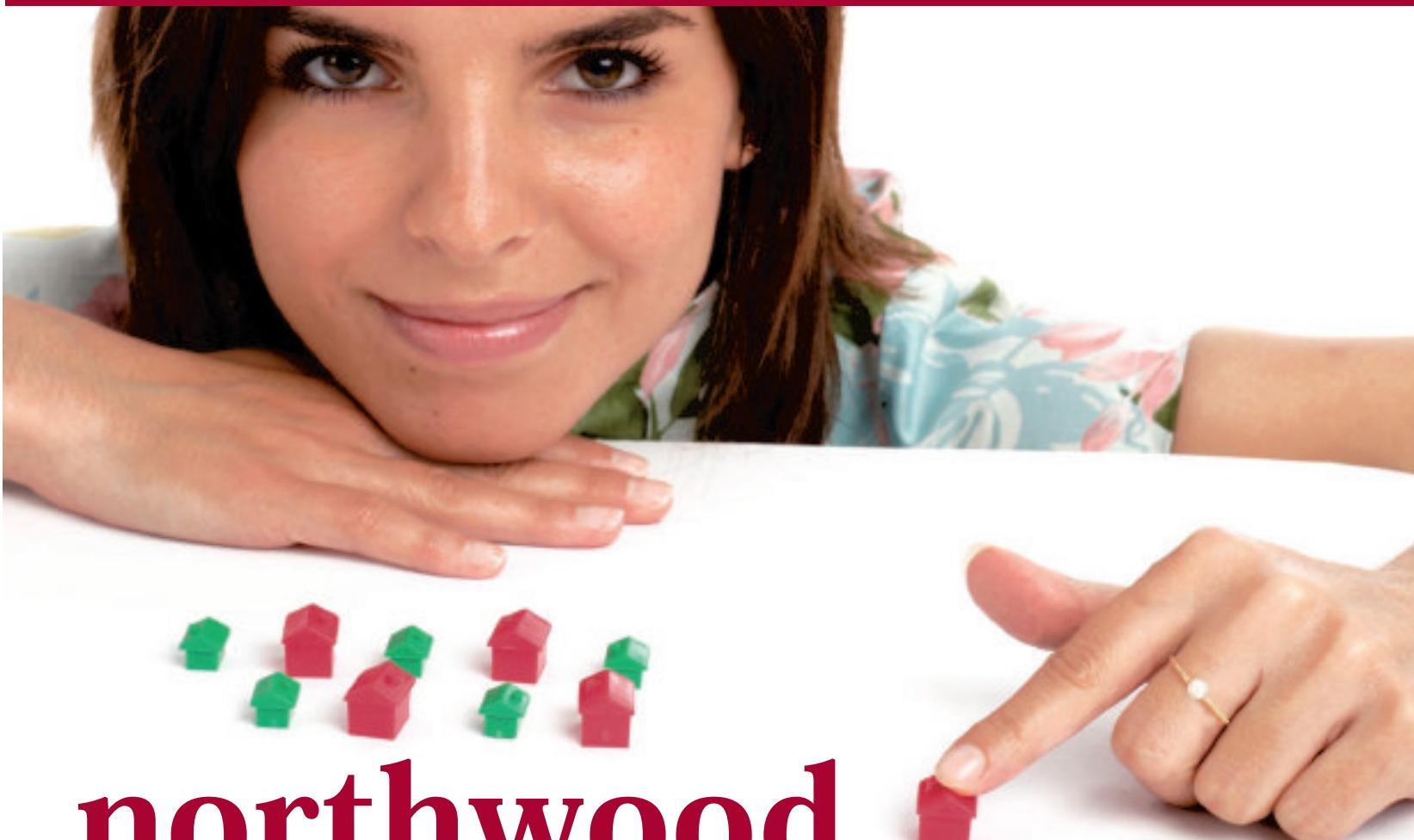
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# Council chief backed review after axed deal cost taxpayers £7m

BY ADAM THOMPSON

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A CITY COUNCIL is set to overhaul its handling of big business deals after one of its former top bosses backed an IT deal, later axed, that cost taxpayers £7 million.

Central Bedfordshire Council chief executive Richard Carr (*pictured*) was part of a discussion at Wolverhampton City Council (where he had commanded a similar position) to explain his role in a scrapped £68m computer system.

The facility was due to save Midlands residents £126.6m over ten years but it was eventually scrapped when a new council came in in 2009 with taxpayers

footing a £7m compensation bill from the IT firm.

A report published earlier this month highlighted a series of recommendations since the contract and will now see the council adopt a blueprint when dealing with large-scale projects.

Mr Carr claimed Central Bedfordshire Council bosses knew of the issue when he took up his role in 2009.

He said: "Having recommended that this review took place, I was pleased to contribute to the exercise, together with more than 30 other colleagues.

"I'm sure the sensible recommendations of Patricia Hughes and Robert Coomber will be helpful to Wolverhampton City Council."



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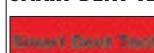
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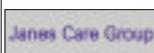
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## announcements

### Deaths

### In Memoriam

**BRAUN** Kurt (Curly), of Barton le Clay, passed away after a long illness bravely bourn on Thursday 22nd December 2011, aged 86 years. Loving husband of the late Audrey (nee Ashby), father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service takes place on Thursday 5th January, at Luton Crematorium, at 9:45am. Family flowers only, donations enquiries c/o Neville Funeral Service. 01582 490005

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1st January 2012

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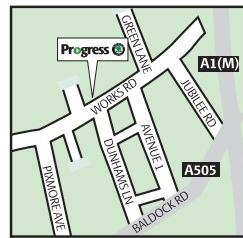
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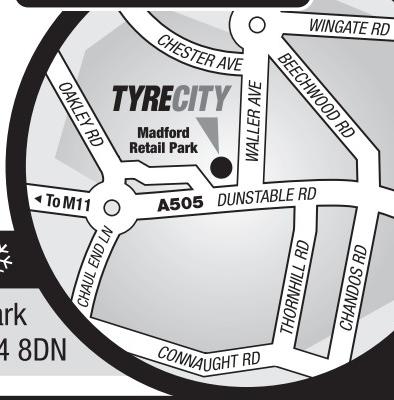
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BY MARC BAZELEY

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GARY Brabin is not concerned about clubs from higher divisions coming in for some of Luton Town's brightest prospects during the January transfer window.

Striker Amari Morgan-Smith (*pictured*), who is the Hatters' leading goal scorer with nine so far this season, is one of those that has been linked with a move to a Championship side.

The England C international's recent hamstring injury, which looks set to keep him out for another two weeks, could scupper any potential move.

Brabin also confirmed there have been no "firm offers" for any of his players, and he sees the interest as a compliment to the club.

"I think if anyone comes in for Amari they would have to do their negotiations with our physio at the moment," he joked, adding: "You can't be afraid of that. When there are clubs interested in your players then that's always a good, healthy situation."

"We have a lot of scouts coming to our games and that bodes well. We've got a lot of good, young talented players and they are an asset to the club, and there is always going to be interest."

"But we're not a selling club, our ambition is to get promoted and we want to produce players."

"That is not to say that every one of them won't move on for money, but that's part of the success of producing players."

"If there is interest then we are certainly not scared of other clubs looking at our players because we are in a good, healthy situation."

The emergence of one of those youngsters, Adam Watkins, led to Luton not bidding for Newport County's Danny Rose, who will now join Fleetwood Town.



## No bids for Amari

Transfer window doesn't scare Brabin

Brabin admitted he did consider going in for the midfielder, but the recent form shown by Watkins was the deciding factor in not making an approach.

The Luton boss said: "There was an interest, but not enough. We've also had the emergence of Adam Watkins and we'd like to see his development.

"I know I've probably frustrated people at times with the way I have managed that, but that's all in the interests of the club.

"He's getting better and fitter with each game, training session and each week."

"He's at a stage now where it would probably be unnecessary to get someone else in the same position as Adam when he is producing the form that he is."

"That's not to say we don't need someone to challenge Adam, but at the same time we don't want someone to cement the place and that's it, and that's the case with some of the players we had identi-

fied. We've got a lot of faith in Adam and it has got to be fair that if we bring someone in they have to complement each other."

A move for Andy Drury, who left for Ipswich Town last January, is not yet off the cards either after he returned to Portman Road from his loan spell at Crawley Town.

However, Brabin believes that he has returned to the Tractor Boys as manager Paul Jewell once again has the winger in consideration for a first team role.

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Poppies will not play dead again, warns O'Connor

### FOOTBALL

AARON O'Connor has urged his team-mates to be wary of a Kettering backlash when Luton visit them today (3pm).

The former Rushden & Diamonds captain scored in the Hatters' 5-0 rout of the Poppies on Boxing Day but as the two teams prepare to face off again for the second time in a week he isn't banking on a similar whitewash.

"If I was one of their players, and the kind of person I am, I'd be saying to myself, 'there's no way they are doing that to me and embarrassing me again,'" said O'Connor.

"We can't take it lightly and think that because we beat them 5-0 they are going to sit down and roll over at their place because they won't."

"I think it can only benefit them. We know what we are capable of but they'll be a lot more aware of our players and the things we'll do. Their manager will study the video and he should work on things in training."

"They'll be more tuned in, so we've got to expect that."

"They are at home as well, so will come out a little more offensive minded."

"But if we work hard, and with the quality we've got, there is no reason why we can't get another good result."

The clash will be the first time O'Connor has returned to Nene Park - now the home of Kettering but once his old stomping ground before Diamonds went to the wall in the summer.

He said: "It might be a little bit strange but it won't be too bad because there won't be any Rushden fans and won't be like I'm playing against them. It will be nice to go back there - I've got some good memories. Hopefully we can get some momentum and kick on."

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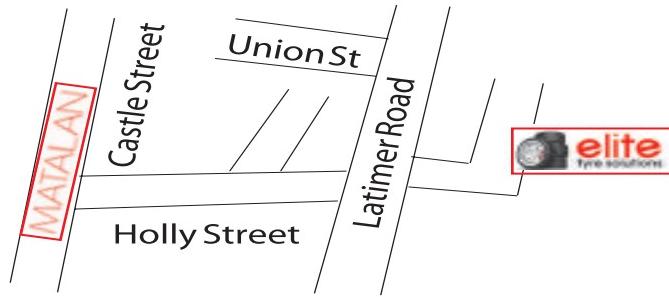
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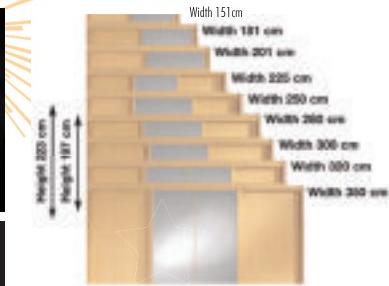


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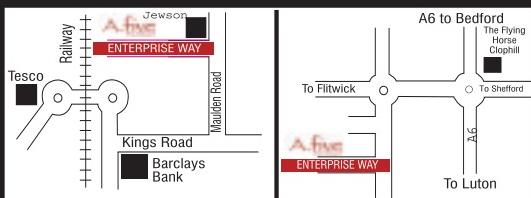
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